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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lloyd Wolfinbarger, Jr.

Art Unit: 3738

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Examiner: Jackson, S.

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For: **"Process for Cleaning Bone Grafts Using Centrifugal Force..."**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response is submitted responsive to the Restriction Requirement issued in the above-identified application dated August 27, 1998, making a response due on or before September 27, 1998.

REMARKS

Claims 1-84 are pending in the above-identified application. At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner requires restriction to one of three inventions (35 U.S.C. § 121). Specifically, the Examiner requires restriction to either claims 1-64, 67-69 of Group I directed to "the process of cleaning bone grafts," or claims 65, 66, and 70-80 of Group II directed to "a bone graft," or claims 81-84 of Group III directed to "a holding device." The Examiner states that the inventions are distinct, each from the other because: (1) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process; (2) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand; (3) the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product; or (4) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process.